

"CAN AFFORD IT"

Chief of Engineers' Brotherhood at Wage Hearing

Says Railroad Revenue Is Sufficient for Bigger Pay.

MAKES SENSATIONAL CHARGES

Alleges That Huge Capital Was Floated Against Labor.

Measures Against Employees' Demands Taken Years Ago.

Chicago, March 2.—Warren S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, today submitted to the board of arbitration which is hearing the western railroad wage case, a statement in rebuttal to the testimony of the railroad managers, in which he charged that the issuance of fictitious securities had absorbed past, present and future revenue gains of the western railroads. He declared: "There is no hope for the railroad employees to secure an equitable participation in the fruits of their work so long as the present financial control and administration of the railroads is unregulated."

He pointed out that the employees' associations found economic justice for their demand for increased wages in the products of efficiency of their work, but that the constant contention of the railroads in reply to this argument was that the revenue arising from increased productive efficiency were absorbed by increased operating costs and by the payment of interest charges on additional capital investments, which have been incurred in the attempt to develop greater efficiency in operation, and because of public demand as to safety and quality of service.

"It is now our purpose to disclose that any decline in operating or net income has not been due to the causes set forth by the railroads," said he. "Statistics already read into the testimony by experts employed by the brotherhood had shown remarkable gains in railroad revenue and an amount available for the increased compensation of labor."

"We shall show," he continued, "that the constant tendency has been for those in financial control of the railroads to absorb revenue gains arising from increased productive efficiency by the issuance of fictitious securities; that the productive efficiency of the men working today, the operating officials as well as the employees, had already been hypothesized and capitalized before we were born; that measures have already been taken by the issuance of fictitious capitalization to absorb the increased revenue and productive efficiency of our children and our children's children; and that there is no hope for the engineer and fireman and other classes of railroad employees to secure an equitable participation in the fruits of their work, so long as the present financial control and administration of the railroads is unregulated."

"The points we shall submit in this connection are: "First—That the proceeds from the munificent grants of land by the federal and state governments to assist in the building of western railroads, were not properly used, but their value, as well as the increased business arising from the development of western territory, was capitalized by the flotation of fictitious securities. "Second—That the direct financial control of western railroads, and the potential control of the economic welfare of their employees now rests with a small group of bankers and financial institutions, which make and make railroad presidents, and which, by their methods of administration of the railroads, have absorbed present and future revenue gains of employees by the issuance of fictitious securities; in other words, employees and operating officials are the victims of financial administration."

"Third—We shall show from the publicly expressed opinions of eminent financiers and financial experts that this present inequality in the distribution of the output of the industry is wrong. "Fourth—We shall conclude by showing that despite the financial excesses of railroads in the past, that they are still financially able to pay reasonable and fair increases in wages."

TO COURT IN CHICAGO

R. C. Federal League Directors Will Attend Legal Franchise Fight.

Kansas City, Mo., March 2.—Most of the directors of the Kansas City Federal League club will leave here tomorrow for Chicago to prepare for the hearing on the local club's suit against the league for

the removal of its franchise, it was announced today.

A number of local attorneys will accompany the party to assist the Chicago association. The party will be met at the Kansas City club, to proceed to Newark to prepare for the hearing. Pingle said he expected to meet Stovall in Chicago tomorrow.

IN NORTH TOPEKA

Spring Rally of Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. Here.

Grant Parent-Teachers Association Tonight.

The Baptist spring rally of the Sunday school and Young People's societies of the Kansas River association will be held in the North Topeka Baptist church the 16th and 17th of March.

The Kansas River association consists of all of the Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U. societies in the adjacent counties to Shawnee.

Preparations are being made to entertain several hundred guests at the meetings. All-day sessions will be held, and at the evening meetings special speakers will be on the program.

Dr. A. J. Haggart, pastor of the First Baptist church in Atchison, will be one of the principal speakers. Dr. T. P. Stafford of the Kansas City Theological Seminary and Dr. A. E. Agard of New York City, will also be on the program.

Knights of Pythias Meeting.

A free entertainment will be given by the members of Amity council No. 231, Knights of Pythias, to the general public, one week from tonight. It is planned to give the entertainment in one of the North Topeka churches, but if the churches are not available it will be given in the lodge hall, 837 North Kansas avenue.

Miss Rose Gilbert, one of Topeka's young vocalists, will sing. W. A. S. Bird and Rev. John Bright will be the speakers of the evening. Other particulars will be announced later.

Notes and Personal.

The pupils of Rochester school will give an old fashioned pie social at the school house Friday evening, March 5.

E. K. Ream, of Kilmer, has returned home after a business trip to North Topeka.

E. M. Hoch, of Elmont, was a North Side visitor today.

H. L. Thompson has returned to his home in Silver Lake after a business trip to the North Side.

R. J. Kemp, of Elmont, was on the North Side today shopping.

J. S. Jackson, of Elmont, was on the North Side today.

E. M. Hoch, of Elmont, was on the North Side today, attending to business.

Ray Markham, of Elmont, has returned home after spending a short time in North Topeka.

L. Anderson, of Menoken, was a North Side visitor today.

R. Smith, of Grantville, has returned home after a business trip to North Topeka.

Mr. Bradford Miller, of Rossville, died at 11 o'clock Monday night. She was well known in the northern part of Shawnee county. Two of her brothers, Charles and Frank Summers, are well known in North Topeka.

A. M. Petro, druggist—Adv.

Dr. M. E. McCoy returned Monday from a week trip to Harrison, Ark.

T. M. Jennings, of the National Refining company, has returned from a business trip to Pauline.

Ray Markham returned home Monday from a two weeks' trip to Versailles, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lukens gave a family dinner at their home in Rochester Sunday.

George Staple, of Meriden, has returned home after a business trip to North Topeka.

T. W. Wright, of Tecumseh, was on the North Side today, attending to business.

Mr. Hayes has returned to his home in Silver Lake after a business trip to North Topeka.

Mrs. A. J. Wooster died at the family home west of the Reform school this morning, after an illness of some time.

GRIFFIN IS CANDIDATE

Topeka Colored Man Would Be Recorder of Deeds District of Columbia.

Adolph Griffin, a well known Topeka colored man and business manager of the Flatdealer, is a candidate for appointment to the office of recorder of deeds, District of Columbia.

There are some 90 odd candidates for the position, all colored men. Griffin has the support of Senator Thompson and the Kansas delegation to congress. A white was received today from Washington saying that Griffin's chances for the position were good and it is believed that he will be nominated for the job. Griffin has always been active in Democratic politics in the state and a follower of Senator Thompson.

He has lived in Topeka for the last nine years. Griffin is unmarried.

REGULATE YOUR BOWELS AND STOP COLDS, HEADACHES, SOUR STOMACH

Turn the rascals out—the headache, biliousness, indigestion, constipation, the sick, sour stomach and bad colds—turn them out tonight with Cascarets.

Don't put in another day of distress. Let Cascarets cleanse and sweeten your stomach; remove the sour, undigested and fermenting food and that misery-making gas; take the

excess bile from your liver and carry off the decomposed waste matter and constipation poison from the bowels. A Cascaret tonight will brighten you out by morning—a 10-cent box keeps your head clear, stomach sweet, liver and bowels regular and you feel bully for months. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a good, gentle cleansing, too.

CANDY CATHARTIC

WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

10 CENT BOXES—ANY DRUG STORE

—ALSO 25 & 50 CENT BOXES—

A TOPEKA SPECIAL

Abdallah Shriners Will Go to Seattle Next Summer.

Marshall's Band Will Be Taken to Coast in July.

CONCERTS AT AUDITORIUM

Two Public Entertainments to Raise Money for Band.

Local Organization Will Compete for Big Prizes.

Kansas Shriners of the Abdallah temple will charter a special train which will leave Topeka July 6 or 7 with banners flying and band playing—Marshall's—for Seattle where the annual meeting of the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine will be held July 12-15. Topeka will be well represented on the train and Marshall's band of 50 pieces, which has already been invited to give a concert in Seattle, is expected to loom up in the forefront among the 40 or 50 bands that will furnish the music for the great meeting that will draw 25,000 to 30,000 Shriners from all sections of North America.

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SNAP SHOTS

AT HOME NEWS.

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The Redden mission under the Rev. J. H. Fazel is now co-operating with the confidential exchange located in the Y. W. C. A. building.

Between 300 and 400 persons are expected to attend the annual convention of the State Dental association in Topeka April 27-29.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the High School Boys' club Monday evening in the cafeteria room. Dr. C. B. Van Horn spoke.

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